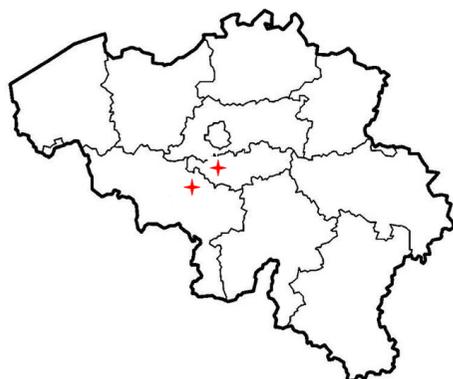


Logistics Nivelles SA



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| Reference | EGF/2023/001 BE/ LNSA |
| Member State | Belgium |
| Sector | Warehousing and support activities for transportation |
| Submitted to European Commission | 17 February 2023 |
| Total budget planned | EUR 2 533 363 |
| EGF contribution | EUR 2 153 358 |
| Intervention criterion | Article 4(2), point (a), of Regulation (EU) 2021/691 |
| Period of reference | 23 August 2022 – 23 December 2022 |
| Redundancies during period of reference | 542 |
| Active employment measures | To be provided for 603 workers, and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - job-search assistance and vocational guidance and outplacement assistance; - vocational training and re-training; - support for business creation and contribution to business start up; and - a variety of allowances (job-search and training; back to school; business creation) and bonus for improving IT and language skills. |

BACKGROUND

- Kuehne+Nagel's network for the distribution of fresh and dry foods in Belgium was regionally based with two subsidiaries providing the services: Kontich NV delivering in the Northern part of the country and Logistics Nivelles SA in the South.
- In the context of the renegotiation of its contract with Carrefour, Kuehne + Nagel decided to turn its two regional networks in Belgium into a single national network and deliver only from Kontich. This location was considered geographically more convenient, which means shorter delivery times and lower transportation costs.
- Consequently, Logistics Nivelles SA stopped operations, closed down and its entire workforce (603 workers) was made redundant.
- The redundancies concern the region of Wallonia in Belgium, whose labour market is disadvantaged, with an unemployment rate of 8.4% as compared to an average of 5.6% at the national level, in 2022.
- While low skilled workers and those aged 50+ are already disadvantaged on the regional labour market, about half of Logistics Nivelles former workers are low educated and belong to the 50+ age group.
- The Walloon authorities consider that the workers will need additional personalised support to improve their chances to find new jobs in the current context of rising inflation that reduces enterprises' margins and their competitiveness, worsening outlook for economic development, what suggests less hiring in 2023.